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1. The about 3,300x10,000-foot N-S airfield was located east of VORONEZH (39°12' E/51°38' N) and east of the river. A concrete runway extending N-W to S-E was clearly recognized. Two hangars were located at the southern edge of the airfield. A windcone was noticed in the center of the western field section.
2. The airfield was occupied by biplanes, single-engine fighters, and twin-engine and four-engine aircraft. The four-engine aircraft, several of which were parked at the field, were observed there for the first time in March 1949. These aircraft, similar to the Gigant type, had a far-projecting nose compartment with nose wheel, two wheels each under the wings which were set at lower section of fuselage, single rudder assembly, and tail wheel. All wheels, except the tail wheel, were retractable. The planes were painted greenish-gray with a red star as national emblem.
3. Flying was also done at night if the weather was good. The biplanes and fighters made individual and formation flights, including firing practice at sleeve targets which were towed by twin-engine aircraft. The four-engine aircraft made practice flights in the VORONEZH area. Multi-engine commercial aircraft regularly took off from and landed at the field.

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a. The airfield is the VORONEZH factory airfield located adjacent to the reconstructed Aircraft Plant No 18. The report does not clarify previously received varying information on the production of this plant. It has been ascertained, however, that repair work on various aircraft types was done during the period of construction, i.e., until mid-1948. This

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assumption was inferred from available reports on the aircraft plant, according to which the following work was done: Repair of three hundred to four hundred aircraft in mid-1947. Construction of four-engine bombers in early 1948. Construction of an aircraft type, similar to an IL-10, since March 1948.

b. The report indicates that the airfield is also occupied by a training unit, which may account for the varying statements on the production of the aircraft plant. The reported four-engine aircraft may be either IL-18s or B-29s. According to the mentioned green-gray paint, however, air force planes but no commercial planes (silver gray paint) are concerned. Both the various aircraft types and the observed day and night flights indicate that a school for various courses of instruction (pilot, including aircraft operators' training, and air-observers' training) must be located there. A school for long-range bombardment troops (ADD) is probably concerned.

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